thought you might be referring to the other tank. If you are referring to that there is no provision.

Jaggery making.

30. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the Proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin dated 15th November 1933, Order D. Dis. 517 of 1109—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to encourage jaggery making ;

(b) whether the Government have done anything to remedy want of capital in the hands of those at present in jaggery making industry ;

(c) whether the Government have done anything to remedy the defective methods now employed in the manufacture of this industry ;

(d) whether the Superintendent of Economic Survey has been asked to submit the report referred to in the Proceedings within a prescribed time; and if not,

(e) what is the reason for not doing so ;

(f) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, what is the prescribed time for submitting his report with reference to this particular matter ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Free licenses are issued to all *bona fide* applicants. The Superintendent, Economic Survey, has been requested to investigate in detail into the conditions relating to this industry as well as the improvements it calls for.

(b) and (c) Further steps to be taken by the Government will be considered after the report called for from the Superintendent of Economic Survey is received.

Private gentlemen have however been approached to carry on this industry on a large scale and on a more scientific method, and they have promised to look into the question.

(d), (e) and (f) No. Because there was no necessity to do it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether this Council has not passed a motion to encourage jaggery making as a cottage industry ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—A motion was passed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do not the Government think that in view of that motion there was some necessity for asking the Superintendent of Economic Survey to expedite the report particularly with reference to this matter ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—He is expected to submit his report within a reasonable time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In view of the motion passed, do not the Government think that there is a special necessity to

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

request him to submit his report on this particular matter as early as possible?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Even if he is not asked, he will submit his report within a reasonable time.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether anything has been done by the Government since the resolution has been passed?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Nothing further than that is given in the answer.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Do the Government think that the present method adopted by private tappers for converting toddy is a perfectly sound method and do not call for any improvement?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It calls for improvement.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—What improvements are required? Have the Government enquired into that matter?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We will have to decide that after the receipt of the report of the Superintendent.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what steps have been taken by the Government to encourage this industry?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I have already answered that. Nothing further than what is stated in the answer was done.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I do not find anything in the answer.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Government have asked the Superintendent to submit a report about this.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government asked him to submit any special report with regard to this matter in view of the motion passed by the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—His terms of reference include this point also.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Specifically or generally?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Specifically

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—After knowing that this Council has passed a motion, may I know whether the Government have taken any action to expedite the report particularly with reference to the motion passed by the Council?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The Superintendent was asked after the motion was passed.

Mr. K. Mohamed Ibrahim.—What steps have the Government taken on that motion?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—It is already stated in the answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Two contradictory answers are given. May I know which answer is correct? The Secretary to the Diwan said that it was referred to him before the motion was passed:

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I said that this forms part of the reference. I did not say anything about the date or time.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time do you expect the report?

Deputy President.—Is it a supplementary question?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—This question will be considered only after the report is received from the Superintendent. So we want to know when they expect the report.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has not finished the first tract of land selected by him, but he hopes to finish it by the end of this year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How far has he proceeded with the work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has to visit four different tracts. He has not finished even the first.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government have asked him to submit a report as early as possible on this particular matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No such orders have been issued to submit a report on this matter in advance of his all other reports.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—How long has the survey been continuing?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For the last two to three months.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government ascertained from him when he will be able to finish it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He hopes to finish it by the end of this year.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government consider it expedient to request him to submit a report with regard to this matter alone?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is some difficulty. He may be confining it to one particular tract. He has to investigate whether this will have any connection to the other tracts. If the latter be the case he won't be able to submit a report immediately he finishes the coastal tracts. I cannot promise definitely whether he will be sending his report in advance.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—When were the appointments for the survey made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Early in the year. But I want notice to be more exact and accurate.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know how many officers are working now?

Deputy President.—Does that come as a supplementary question?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly